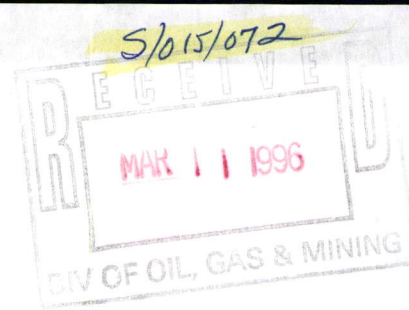




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Neal Mortensen  
Western Clay Company  
508 East Center Street  
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Dear Mr. Mortensen:

We have received and reviewed your notice to construct an access road and operate a gypsum mine on your Hebe mining claim group and we have no problem with the proposed operation subject to the following conditions necessary to prevent undue and unnecessary degradation of public lands and to ensure successful reclamation.

1. Any paleontological or archaeological resources discovered by the operator on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the San Rafael Resource Area Manager. The operator shall suspend all operations in the area of the discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the San Rafael Area Manager. An evaluation of the discovery shall be made by the San Rafael Area Manager to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant scientific values. Any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the San Rafael Resource Area Manager after consulting with the operator.
2. Disturbed areas shall be recontoured into an undulating surface approximating the original contour of the area. Disturbed areas constitute the access road from the county road to the mine and the mine itself. All culverts shall be removed and drainages shall be restored to their natural condition.
3. No construction shall occur when conditions are wet and/or muddy. If there is any question whether conditions are wet and/or muddy, the San Rafael Resource Area Office shall make the determination.
4. One to two inches of all cryptogamic soils shall be saved and stockpiled separately from the remaining overburden. During reclamation, the cryptogamic soil shall be spread last. All overburden and topsoil stockpiles shall be seeded with the BLM seed mixture. If the seed is broadcast, the stockpile shall be roughened prior to broadcasting. The stockpile shall be harrowed or raked after broadcasting in order to ensure coverage.
5. The following seed mixture shall be used at a rate of seven (7) pounds per acre. If the seed is broadcast, the rate shall be doubled. Prior to broadcasting, the seedbed shall be roughened, while after broadcasting the seeded area shall be harrowed in order to ensure coverage of the seed.